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MBA Welcomes New College Counselor

By Morgan Willis

There's a new face on "The Hill" this semester. Ed White recently arrived at MBA to serve as the new director of college counseling.

The hiring of Mr. White comes as a result of a review of fine schools across the nation by a trustee study committee. The Board found that college counseling was a full-time job at most top prep schools. Mr. Drake summarized the board's feelings when he said, "We wanted to do the best job we could do for the students."

Mr. White is a graduate of Davidson College where he launched a tennis career that took him through nine years of coaching and teaching in the South. Mr. White in his age-group in Southern tennis. From his coaching and teaching days, Mr. White went on to serve as Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid at Davidson. After 24 years at Davidson, Mr. White decided he was "ready to escape the pressures and pulls" associated with his job. He then took up a job at Southwestern in Memphis as Director of Athletics and men's tennis coach.

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Tapped into Totomoi this fall were three seniors: Ran Van Riper, Sam Chang, and John Harrison.

Youth Fight Drunk Driving

SADD Chapter Started at MBA

By Bryan Hassel

On Wednesday, February 1, twelve MBA students and Mr. Bennett made school history when they attended the first organized meeting of MBA's newly-founded chapter of SADD: Students Against Driving Drunk. The open-to-all meeting set a precedent for similar get-togethers in the future and paved the way for the development of numerous projects designed to combat the problem of drunk driving among adolescents.

SADD as a national program was started in Wayland, Massachusetts just a few years ago by students and faculty concerned about teenage drunk driving. Since the organization took root in New England, six thousand U.S. high schools have followed Wayland's lead. The focus of SADD programs is primarily on education—informing youth about the effects of alcohol on youth and what alternatives teens have to driving under the influence.

MBA students came formally into contact with SADD when a group of seniors attended a conference put on by BCAA, the first area school to organize a SADD chapter. Back on the hill, a core group formed itself and began to plan a general framework for a SADD program at MBA. Spearheaded by Greg Turner and consisting of about six or seven juniors and seniors, the group met informally eight periods and slowly formulated some ideas for implementing SADD at MBA.

The core group threw its doors open to all MBA students on the February 1st meeting for two reasons: first, to present its ideas to other interested students; and, second, to open the floor to feedback

from a broader base of students. The meeting was immensely successful, establishing a larger core group enthusiastic about working to combat drunk driving. New ideas were exchanged energetically, and the groundwork was laid for concrete planning in the near future.

One major component of SADD at MBA will, of course, be focused on educating the student body. SADD plans to put on assembly programs designed specifically to



Students at the first meeting of MBA's Chapter of SADD: Students Against Driving Drunk.

appeal to MBA students. Other student-based education will include projects such as displaying eye-catching posters and flyers which convey the message: don't drink and drive.

Participants at the February 1 meeting also emphasized the importance of communicating with parents when dealing with alcohol and drunk driving. For this reason, SADD will put on a series of

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NYN Launches Safe-Rides Service

By David Chickley

Every year more than 8,000 teenagers die in drunk driving accidents. In that same year more than 40,000 more will be crippled. These statistics have caused more and more people to realize alcohol-related accidents are a real problem. Both in the past and at the present time, efforts have been made to stop teenagers from drinking. A more realistic goal, however, seems to be to get those teenagers who already drink to

started the project in the latter half of last summer. At that time, they had heard of a program in Darien, Conn. The idea these young people in Darien had developed supplied their peers with safe rides home from parties. With this idea in mind, members of NYN began to research the idea of starting a similar program in the Nashville area. In order to fund the project, they applied for and received a \$14,000 grant. This grant and NYN's participation constitute one part of the 5 stage \$129,300 Nashville Alcohol Safety Education Program being funded by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health. The \$14,000 will be mostly used to pay for insurance, gasoline and publicity.

The actual Safe Rides program is very similar to the program in Darien, Conn. Every Friday and Saturday night, from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., students will be providing rides to young people who are too drunk to drive home or who just need a sober ride. The ride is free and also confidential. Safe Rides will operate from a base station in the Southwest YMCA in Green Hills. A student who wishes to have a ride will call this base station and a driver will be sent to take him home.

Due to the fact that the drivers will be out after curfew, it is necessary for someone over 18 years old to be in the car. Most likely these will be students from local colleges. The drivers will initially try to stay within the boundaries of Harding and Hillsboro Roads and Old Hickory Blvd. The area however, will also include West Meade and Bellevue.

In order to assure that the

The Nashville Youth Network

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Three Tapped Into Totomoi

By John Edwards

What do Sam Chang, John Harrison and Ransom Van Riper have in common. If you guessed that they were all outstanding students at MBA, that is only part of the story. On a snowy Tuesday morning dated February 7, 1984, they were brutally assaulted by three other equally outstanding students leaving the three former students with slightly sore backs. No, the assailants, Bryan Hassel, Jeff Gaw, and Tony Rafolowski, were not trying to get rid of unwanted competition for class medals; instead, these three Totomoi members were initiating the victims into the Totomoi society recognizing outstanding students in the school.

Totomoi has been an integral part of the MBA tradition since 1954 when Dr. Sager as the headmaster of MBA founded Totomoi. The members of Totomoi have distinguished themselves in three or more of the following areas of campus life: scholarship; athletics; student government; organizations, forensics, and dramatics; and publications and citizenship.

To be eligible for Totomoi, a student must be a junior or a senior. Juniors can only be admitted to Totomoi during the spring tapping. An elaborate point system is used to determine who, if anyone, receives membership into Totomoi. The students can accumulate points in each of the five categories I have previously men-

tioned. The prospectives for Totomoi must have enough points in three of the five areas of achievement to gain membership into Totomoi. Finally the candidate must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the faculty before he is accepted. Almost all candidates with enough points in three or more fields receive Totomoi membership.

Totomoi membership is not limited to MBA students. This society also offers membership to alumni, faculty members, and friends of MBA who have made significant contributions to the school.

The process is very selective, but by nature, the process should be. (Continued on page 4)



Posters outside the A-V room advertise the works of Paul Harmon, shown at MBA this January.

MBA Shows Paul Harmon's Works

By David Chickey

On Sunday, January 22, 1984 the works of Paul Harmon were shown in the library of MBA. In this major showing of paintings and lithographs, MBA presented over 37 examples of Harmon's works. Paul Harmon, who is an internationally known artist, is a native of Nashville and former MBA student (grades 7-11) who now lives and works in Williamson County. When Mr. Harmon was asked how he felt about being back at MBA he said that it seemed to him that it was "the only time he had ever been at MBA on the weekend that he wasn't in demerit hall."

As well as being an artist, Harmon also owns and operates a very successful ad agency. Although these two occupations may seem to be a contradiction or defraction, Harmon in an article from the January 1983 edition of *Nashville Magazine* stated: "I feel that the agency and my art and the contacts I make in both worlds complement each other—they don't detract." The compatibility of his two occupations is shown in his high degree of success in both fields.

Although his fame as an internationally known artist has occurred only recently, Harmon has been painting seriously for quite a long time. His influences, therefore, span a long period of time and a great many sources. Kevin Grogan, the director of Cheekwood, states, in the same magazine article, that "... Harmon's feel for form and color; his knowledge of, not limitation of, other artists is immense. He

learns from others."

Harmon's vast knowledge and influences which Grogan speaks of are shown in the diversity of the works in the show. The works vary from reproductions of classics, such as "The Artist and His Model," to very imaginative and personal images, such as "Dog 1." Each work seems to play with reality. No matter how far away it reaches, however, there is always some recognizable object to tie the work back to the viewer's world.

The major part of Harmon's show features large oil paintings or stencils. They represent a very different and effective technique. Harmon first draws the painting on paper, and cuts out a stencil. After preparing the background colors he desires on a canvas, he lays the stencil on it and sprays on the image. He can create many works from the same stencil, and when he is finished with it, he can apply the stencil itself to a canvas for another work.

This original technique creates a positive and negative color effect in Harmon's works. Although the subject matter stays the same, the work can really change with this alteration in color and emphasis. As in "A Vulnerability and a Vengeance", the stenciled painting creates a light, flowing almost floating quality. The colors are bright and the mood created is very light-hearted. The actual stencil, with the same name as the painting, is much more dramatic and formal. The vivid colors and black piano give more weight and emotion to the work.

... New College Counselor

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After 4 years in Memphis, Mr. White left his job due to a lack of satisfaction with his duties. Mr. White said, "I wanted to make a contribution I didn't think I was making with just athletics." Since Mr. Drake and Mr. Bondurant already knew Mr. White from student applications to Davidson and a previous appearance at College Night here, they jumped at the chance to add him to our faculty. Luckily for MBA, Mr. White was looking for another position and was happy to join the school.

Presently our new Director of College Counseling is busy writing letters to prominent universities and colleges, stressing the high caliber of MBA as a school. Mr. White is also preparing for a trip to the New England area in Febru-

ary. About a week of this trip will be spent visiting several Eastern schools where the acceptance of MBA students has been lowest. Among the colleges he hopes to improve relations with are: Dartmouth, Williams, Amherst, Hampshire, MIT, Harvard, Brown, Connecticut College, Yale, and Wesleyan. Most of these schools normally don't allow high school representatives to visit at this time, so Mr. White hopes to see as many as possible. His hope is that these schools will know MBA, and he will know them better.

Since our newest faculty member has arrived mid-way through the year, Mr. Drake will continue as the advisor for this year's seniors. In late February, both college advisors will attend a regional College Board Meeting.

Student Council Making Difference On the Hill and in the Community

By Bryan Hassel

As the year progresses, the Student Council continues to sponsor projects which are productive both for MBA and for the community at large. As spring comes, the Council will be working on service projects in Nashville, events with neighboring schools, and a number of proposals to change the nature of student privileges on campus.

Community service projects have been one of the strong points of the Student Council this winter. Most notable has been the school's involvement with Holy Name Catholic Church's Soup Kitchen. Through "pass-the-hat" contribu-

tions, the Student Council played for a day's food for the kitchen and led a delegation of twelve students and three faculty members to prepare and serve the food to about eighty people one Saturday. Council President Parish Lentz has called the Holy Name Kitchen the most worthwhile project he has seen at MBA, and the school hopes to continue its work there in the future.

The Student Council has also carried out other service projects recently. A Dad's Day was held in November with proceeds going to the Center for Domestic Violence. When Fisk needed money to pay its heating bills this winter, the Student Council led a fund-raising drive at school to contribute to the university's recovery. Closer to home, the Council has worked at Vine Street, cleaning up in return for the much-needed parking space supplied by the nearby church.

In the future, a new service project may be on the horizon for MBA. The YMCA has contacted the Student Council about tutoring Cambodian refugees. The kids are in area schools, but need a couple of hours a week worth of tutoring from willing volunteers. Such a project would require 2 hours a day, two days a week of work with the children, whose ages range from first grade to high school. One hour a day would be spent tutoring, the other in some sort of recreation.

Another concern of the Student Council this year is to coordinate events with other schools in the

area. Two main possibilities exist for the near future: a talent show with St. Cecilia and others, and a dance with Harpeth Hall. The former would be an interschool show with about three acts each from MBA, St. Cecilia, Father Ryan, Harpeth Hall, and St. Bernard. The latter is still very much in the planning stages and has many obstacles, but a possible date for the HII-MBA affair could be the 2nd weekend in April.

Here on the Hill, the Student Council has put two proposals in front of Mr. Bondurant concerning school policy. The first deals with the loss of privileges as a result of disciplinary problems. The Student Council proposal actually lowers the number of demerits that would cause a student to lose privileges, but the plan calls for the loss of privileges only lasting for one six weeks instead of the whole semester.

The second Council proposal concerns the new Roberts Trophy Room in the gym. Under the Student Council's plan, the room would be open for students to use all day except fourth, fifth, sixth, and eighth periods. Certain seniors would be responsible for unlocking and locking the room and for monitoring behavior therein.

The Student Council should be commended for its outstanding work thus far. Not only has the student government been instrumental in making changes in policy here on the Hill, but it has also helped MBA reach out into the community in a meaningful way.

Second Edition of Southern Bell Forum Draws Nationally Ranked Debate Teams

By Scott Bennett

On the weekend of January 20-22, MBA hosted the Southern Bell Forum II, Tennessee's only national caliber debate tournament. Sixty-four teams from twenty-four states were invited to attend this prestigious event. Since Mr. Tate is recognized as one of the more outstanding directors of forensics in the South, most coaches attending the Forum truly expected to be part of one of the nation's most prestigious tournaments. In the words of Billy Tate, the Forum provided "an educationally rewarding forensic experience as well as providing unequalled 'southern hospitality' for our guests."

The Forum officially began on Friday, January 20, with a coaches'/judges' party. Debaters were entertained in various ways at the homes of MBA debaters. After a night's rest, the debaters returned to the Hill for five rounds. Lunch was provided gratis by MBA parents. Later Saturday evening, the coaches were invited to a party at the Sugartree Clubhouse. The sixth and last preliminary round was held on Sunday morning, followed by breakfast and chapel. At 11:00, octofinals were held. Among the teams breaking into the octofinals were Dallas Jesuit, Pace Academy, Woodward Academy, Glen Brook North, Bishop McDermott, Detroit Catholic Central, Marquette and Centerville.

The tournament was climaxed by a final round between Dallas Jesuit and Detroit Catholic Cen-

tral. Dallas Jesuit won the decision and captured the first place spot in the Southern Bell Forum II. The top speaker in the Forum was Mark Webster, from Centerville.

The participation of the students, the work of their parents, the work of the Service Club, and the direction of Mr. Tate should all

be commended for making the Southern Bell Forum II what it was. The quality of competition, excellence in hospitality, and the interest that MBA students show in the Forum will long make this tournament one of the finest in the nation and a unique feature on the Hill.



Photo compliments of Debate Team

Dallas-Jesuit's top debaters prepare their arguments at MBA's Southern Bell Forum. The team from Texas went on to win the tourney which was a great success for the second year in a row.

Debate Continues Successful Season

By Tommy Outlaw
and Robert Harris

The MBA debate team has continued its amazing record this year. After a strong finish in the nationally ranked Madison-Overton get-together the team once again parked up their surfboards and rode the waves to Birmingham, Alabama for an easy "warm-up" tournament to get the team fired up for tougher competition later. As was expected, MBA performed at top capacity, winning both the novice and J.V. levels of debate. Rob Page once again gained 1st speaker honors. On the varsity level, Tommy Outlaw and Madison Laird, and Griffin Vincent and Sam Chang had unprecedented 5-0 records, won each consecutive elimination round, and "closed-out" the final round, thus capturing the 1st and 2nd place trophies. MBA also performed well in individual events.

During the same weekend, Robert Harris and Niku Wasudev travelled to Philadelphia, PA, to compete in the prestigious Churchillian Classic. The two performed unexpectedly well, losing in a close round to the "A" team from Marquette of Wisconsin.

After these two impressive victories, the team's blood pressure was surging as they prepared to compete in perhaps the most grueling stretch of tournaments during the year: The Triple Crown of debate—CBS, The Glenbrook North-Round Robin and Northwestern. At the Glenbrook South tournament, Sam and Tommy posted a 4-2 record and lost in an extremely-close round to a team from California in octa-finals. Sam also captured one of the top ten speaker awards. At the J.V. level Niku Wasudev and Doug Johnson also performed well as both of them won speaker awards.

Next came the GBN Round Robin, perhaps the most prestigious tournament in the nation, which is now run by former MBA debate coach, Tom Sullivan. Although a bit "psyched-out" by the plethora of good teams, Sam and Tommy as usual debated extremely well, capturing a 10th

place finish in the affair and thus earning the title of one of the top 10 teams in the nation.

After an exhausting weekend, Tommy took a break from the intensity of debate and let Griffin Vincent take his place with Sam at Northwestern—the highest tournament in the country. MBA, trying to keep up their final round performance of last year, broke 2 teams to elimination rounds. Both teams won their 1st out-round and the team of Madison Laird/Robert Harris scored an upset in defeating the powerhouse team for Glenbrook South in Chicago. Both teams advanced to octa-finals and, succumbing to the extreme wear and tear of the activity, lost their

speaker of the tournament, following in the footsteps of our mentor, Lyn Robbins.

During the next weekend, Madison and Tommy as well as Robert and Griffin competed in the Myers Park Invitational in Charlotte, N.C. After placing impressive records in pre-elimination rounds, the team of Harris/Vincent dropped to the Mauldin High School of South Carolina in semi-finals and the team of Laird/Outlaw advanced to finals, hitting Mauldin. Once again Tommy and Madison won and thus compiled their 3rd final round appearance this year.

Tommy was 4th place speaker, while Madison was 2nd and a surprising performance by Robert Harris captured the coveted 1st place speaker award.

In January, the team had a dramatic brush with death as we incurred our second flat tire of the year. With the intrepid Mr. Tate at the helm though, we had nothing to worry about and only narrowly missed careening into an oncoming truck. As we cruised through the small, cozy towns of rural Alabama, with Sam, Niku and Willie Lin saying their prayers, we realized how lucky we were to be riding on quality radials, and driven by a quality coach.

The events of the night had no ill effect on the team of course. This was shown the next day as MBA had 3 out of 4 teams in semi-finals, with Sam and Griffin advancing to win on a 5-0 decision.

After our impressive finish at Alabama, Sam and Griffin, as well as Tommy and Madison prepared for debating at the Barkley Forum, the premier tournament of the year. Madison and Tommy compiled a 4-2 record and unfortunately did not have the speaker points to break. Sam and Griffin, though, broke but unfortunately lost in the double-octa-final round to the Bel-Aire School of Texas. Sam Chang, putting in one of his best performances of the year, captured 2nd place speaker at the tournament. Thus, as you can see, the MBA team is truly one of the finest competitive teams in the country.

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rounds to St. Mark's of Texas and GBN of Chicago.

After being raked over the coals in Chicago, the team started to pick up the pieces and tried to regroup as they ventured to the Princeton H.S. tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio. Here the varsity showed their stuff and racked up impressive records in the preliminary rounds. The team of Wasudev/Harris unfortunately met Sam and Griffin in quarters and they had to concede. Sam and Griffin advanced to semi-finals and dropped to a very "elite" team from Creighton Prep. School in Nebraska. Sam was also named 1st

place from school a few weeks ago. The banning of these types of notes came as a result of several plagiarism cases which were brought up before the Honor Council. These cases involved boys who borrowed ideas from these types of notes without giving credit. Moreover the ideas contained in *Monarch* or *Cliff's Notes* are not considered to be legitimate for use in critical analysis. Although there have been cases such as these brought before the Honor Council in past years, never has there been this number which dealt with the issue of plagiarism of *Monarch* or *Cliff's Notes*.

Furthermore, MBA had no written rules about the use of these types of notes. John Harrison, President of the Honor Council, felt that it was time to make the school policy clear on this matter. The Honor Council requested that the English Department outline the regulations concerning *Cliff's* and *Monarch Notes*.

Basically, there are four new regulations concerning the notes: first, it is now an honor violation to read *Monarch* or *Cliff's Notes* in place of reading the original works assigned. Second, borrowing ideas from these types of notes is an honor violation. Third, however, the English Department felt that the use of *Cliffs* to review for a test or examination should be permissible, as long as the book has been read beforehand. Finally, having these notes in your possession while on campus is a disciplinary offense that carries a five demerit penalty.

The significance of the new rulings lies in the fact that they are the first official policies to be publicly stated as uniform rules for the school. Individual English teachers have often frowned upon the use of the notes and have even taken measures against those using them or possessing them on campus. The new rules will be more effective because they apply one set of standards to students in all classes.

Eye Openers

New Roberts Trophy Room dedicated

On Thursday January 5, MBA's latest campus addition, the Roberts Room, was dedicated. The luxurious room is named in the memory of Steve Roberts, who graduated from MBA in 1978. The ceremony was highlighted by short speeches from Mr. Bondurant and Mr. Kenneth Roberts, whose generosity provided for the room.

Juniors and Seniors enjoy Career Day

On February 15, MBA held its first Annual Career Day. Members of the junior and senior classes had the opportunity to talk to professionals in over twenty different occupations which were selected by a survey asking students which fields they were interested in learning about.

MBA holds two winter dances



This winter, MBA has held two dances. The first was MBA's first Annual Santa's Ball. Mysteriously, Santa Claus and Mr. Hegen were never seen at the same time on the night of the dance! MBA students ran the music show with video rock on MTV and a recording of "Girls on Film."

For Valentines' Day, the Service Club sacrificed surplus funds to hold a second dance, inviting Cupid to speak in assembly and City Limits to play at the dance.

Both dances provided endless fun and excitement for all who participated.

Lequire art show honors Mrs. Green

From now until February 25, the works of Alan and Louise Lequire will be shown in MBA's Patrick Wilson Library. The showing of the oil and watercolor collection is being put on in honor of Mrs. Phoebe Green, who until this year taught remedial reading and spelling at MBA. In the next issue of *The Bell Ringer*, there will be more extensive coverage of the show, including the reception that was held February 12 in honor of Mrs. Green. All students, faculty, alumni, and friends are cordially invited to come see the show in the library.

MBA actors participate in local plays

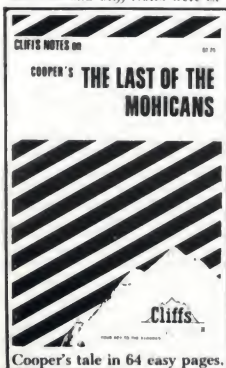
By Jonathan Cole

The play "Shenandoah" was performed three weekends in January and February in the Johnson Theater of the Tennessee Performing Arts Center. The play was the first Circle Players production to sell out in advance for every performance, and it was held over for a final fourth weekend. The play displayed the hardships of a family living in the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia during the Civil War. MBA students in the cast were Drew Moore and Duke Clarke. "Godspell" will be performed on February 23, 24, and 25 in the Saint Cecilia Auditorium. "Godspell" displays the story of the Book of Matthew in modern contemporary times. The play includes from MBA Drew Moore, Tim Don, Michael Starr, David Wood, and John Bauman with students from other Nashville schools. The director of "Godspell" is an MBA graduate.

New Ruling Sets Strict Policy for Use of Monarch and Cliff's Notes

By Scott Carey

After years of living within the bounds of the MBA honor code, *Monarch* and *Cliff's Notes* were ex-



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O.C. Hikes to Davenport Gap

By Andrew Stuart

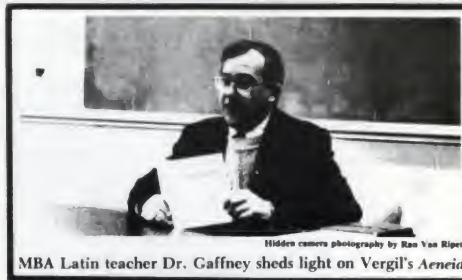
On November 18-20, the Outing Club journeyed on the Appalachian Trail in North Carolina from Max Patch Mtn., a 4629 foot bald, to the elusive Davenport Gap at the boundary of the Great Smokies, a distance of 15.3 miles. Composing the party were Andy Davis, Jody Davis, David Dillon, Fred Goldner, Scott Pearson, Ross Ballenger, Andrew Stuart, Mr. Womack, and Mr. Pruitt.

Celebrating Mr. Pruitt's return to the Outing Club after a year's absence, the trip began with a party in the library parking lot where they prepared themselves for travel. They rendezvoused with a former O.C. member, Mike Hughes, and his companion Ralph in Newport. These two joined the assemblage for the weekend. The group then drove to Pit Toilett, TN near Davenport Gap where they stationed Mike's truck for the shuttle. From there, we roamed to the house of Mr. Womack's friend, Danny, where the club has stopped on past excursions. We slept under the stars and an amazingly luminous moon. Having slept for five hours, the adventurers awoke to cries of breakfast and to 15 degree temperatures. After eating a toothsome breakfast, we ambled by van to Max Patch, having intersected with the road in Joe,

N.C. Negotiating the tedious route, the wayfarers sighted Max Patch and, parking their vehicle at the bottom, climbed to the summit where we were rewarded with the 360 degree views which the mountain affords. Snowbird Mountain, their goal for the day, lay in the distance. Descending the mountain, and finding the A.T., we started in the snow toward our destination.

The morning was full of overpowering events such as a dead skunk in the middle of the Trail and Mr. Pruitt's insistence on perpetual map-reading. Having perambulated to Brown Gap, two Trail stalwarts, thinking it was Deep Gap actually some 1.8 miles distant, sent a misguided party to search for the shelter. After the search party had gotten out of shouting distance, the two veteran hikers began to ponder the situation. They decided that they had not hiked 5.6 miles but only 3.8. A befuddled group returned and learning of the error continued the hike south encouraged by the duo's competence in navigation. The itinerants then reached the true location of the Groundhog Creek Shelter and ate lunch and drank wholesome water. Having completed lunch, the hikers began the day's major ascent, first up Wild-

cat Top and then up Snowbird Mtn. The mountaineers reached Snowbird after several miles and were immolated with extraordinary views, especially of the Smokies. At that moment Ray, a true mountaineer, arrived on the scene in his truck. There is, alas, a road to Snowbird. Ray stated emotionally in these memorable words of a certified intellectual: "I'll hawl y'all down the mountain and give ya a cold one." Mr. Womack firmly refused Ray's noble offer, and descended, with darkness approaching, into our campsite, a secluded wooded area next to a stream. We ate our meals and enjoyed stories around the campfire. Tired, the group slept soundly in their respective tents. At 5 a.m., torrential rains commenced and sleep ended for some. Surrounded by fog, we descended to the Waterville Recreational Area for the end of the trip, almost. It required 3 1/2 hours to run the shuttle from Max patch back to Waterville. Several activities, including at trip to a cigarette warehouse, were enjoyed by those waiting. They returned to MBA at 8 p.m. charged with the excitement of a rewarding and enjoyable backpacking trip.



MBA Latin teacher Dr. Gaffney sheds light on Vergil's Aeneid

Dr. Gaffney Receives Award

By John Pfeffer

Recently Dr. Gaffney received the Teacher of the Year award given by the Tennessee Foreign Language Teachers Association. This follows the Distinguished Teacher Award awarded to him last year by the Tennessee Classical Association. When asked why Dr. Gaffney has received so many distinguished awards, Mr. Bondurant explained that he is a "leader in both the Tennessee Classical Association and the Foreign Language Association." Dr. Gaffney "exemplifies scholarship and has done exemplary work at MBA in Latin." He has shown a

"willingness for professional advancement."

During the summer he went to Greece to the American School of Language Study. He spent a time there both touring and studying Greek language and archaeology. Dr. Gaffney, "does a superior job as an administrator. He is willing to take a full load of Latin courses and an administrative position at once. He is a caring teacher. He makes [the subject] alive, makes it real. He has the spirit that makes you want to learn." We are obviously honored to have such a diversified and skilled teacher here at MBA.

... Totomoi Inducts Three

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The students in Totomoi represent the model students at MBA. They participate in many facets of MBA life while maintaining high grade point averages. In short, they are achievers. Membership into Totomoi is the highest honor an MBA student can receive, and if membership were extended to everyone, Totomoi would lose its meaning and prestige.

One important function of Totomoi is its setting forth a standard of excellence. All the re-

quirements of Totomoi constitute a set of goals and morals worthy of obtaining. Totomoi is a very positive and constructive organization which promotes and hopefully stimulates students to excel in several areas of school life.

Special congratulations are in order for the three new members who have contributed to the school in several different areas. A real tribute should be paid to this year's senior class because after two tapings, the class of 1984 has six members in Totomoi. The average

number of students a class will place in Totomoi over three tapings is five or six. Another taping will be held in the spring to induct more seniors and to induct the first juniors into Totomoi. The present student members of Totomoi are Sam Chang, Jeff Gaw, John Harrison, Bryan Hassel, Tony Rafalowski, and Ransom Van Riper. The current faculty members of Totomoi are Mr. Carter, Mr. Drake, Mrs. Garriott, Mrs. Liles, Mrs. Lowry, Mr. Novak, and Mr. Regen.



The Outing Club relaxes on the Appalachian Trail

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parents' rights to talk to parents about the problem and hear the adults' views on teen drunk driving.

Along the same lines, SADD will promote the use of a "student-parent contract." Under such a contract, the student agrees to call his parents if he needs a sober ride. The parent agrees to pick the student up if such a need arises without punishing or questioning him on the spot. The parents also promise to seek sober transportation for themselves. The contract would serve first as a mechanism for the parent and the student to talk over the issue of drunk driving, and also as a guarantee of a safe form of transportation for parents and child. Some students have also suggested the use of a "student-student contract" which would set up a sort of buddy-system under which students would guarantee among themselves that one member of a group would stay sober and drive on a given night.

SADD also plans to work closely with the Nashville Youth Network's Safe-Rides program (see adjoining story). SADD will recruit MBA students to drive for Safe Rides on certain weekends. Some students at the SADD meeting also suggested that MBA students could

provide a kind of shuttle service for parties at which lots of MBA students would be. Both Safe Rides and the shuttle service are particularly appealing because they produce immediate results: on a given weekend, one of these programs could provide twenty rides, all of which would have been drunk drivers otherwise.

In the future, SADD hopes to ex-

pand within the school so that a wider range of ages will be represented. SADD also plans to work with a reciprocal group at Harpeth Hall to achieve a broader community impact. Meetings are tentatively held on Wednesday nights at 7:30 in the new Roberts Room of the MBA gym. All students and parents are encouraged to attend.

... NYN's Safe Rides

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drivers are well prepared, they will undergo a training program. This program will include courses in basic first aid, basic self defense and communication skills. These students will also be screened for a good driving record, insurance and interest in the program.

NYN's proposal to the Nashville Alcohol Safety Education Program concentrated on the Safe Rides Program but also stressed the importance of education as well as action. The proposal, therefore, includes plans of both public and community education, peer counselling and a constant self-evaluation. The public and community education section includes plans for assembly presentations at local schools and programs in

churches and other community organizations. The peer counselling part of the program will basically involve a referral service, since none of the drivers or participants will be qualified for counselling. They will know of professionals in case the need arises.

The program is still in the planning stages but will begin around April 1 when the funding arrives. Obviously the program depends upon youth involvement. The more people who are willing to give up one Friday or Saturday night to help with the program, the more successful the program will be. If you are interested in either planning or participating in the program, contact Bryan Hassel, John Edwards or David Chickey.



Live Adam Ant

By Chris Guzikowski

On Sunday night February 5, The Grand Ole Opry House was the sight of Adam Ant's first ever Nashville appearance. The British rocker, famous for his outlandish costumes and make-up, was in the midst of his third United States tour which is promoting his latest album *Strip*.

The opening act was The Romantics, a guitar oriented four-piece out of Detroit. The quasi-leather act, riding the popularity of their latest album *In Heat*, did a sufficient job of exciting the primarily young female [And somebody asked me why I went?] audience, despite an obviously poor job by their sound engineer who somehow managed to err despite the near perfect acoustics of the Grand Ole Opry House. The group, led by energetic drummer Jimmy Marinas, played such favorites as "Rock You Up," "Talking in Your Sleep," and "When I Look in Your Eyes" before closing with "What I Like About You."

The crowd was now ready for the swashbuckling rocker. Ant took the stage in his customary brocade

jacket opening with an old favorite, "Scorpions." Through the act, his percussion oriented band backed him on such songs as "Art Music," "Stand and Deliver," "Strip," and "Desperate But Not Serious." No doubt was left in the crowd's mind about Adam Ant's athletic ability and dancing flair. After progressing with such crowd pleasers as "Goody Two Shoes" and "Playboy," the diminutive vocalist excited the female majority by removing his shirt in a "strip" fashion.

After two encores to an appreciative audience, the performer departed. Adam Ant's image is primarily visual, though his music has relative merit. Without the aid of his good looks, outlandish wardrobe, and music videos, Adam Ant may have never achieved the popular celebrity status which he enjoys now. Before the performance, many, including me, did not know quite what to expect. Upon leaving, one had to admit that, like or dislike his music, Adam Ant has the ability to excite an audience through his motions like few others.

The Year in Rock

By Ben Vance

Overworked cliches? In this newspaper article? How about "The Year in Rock"? Cliche? Or what?

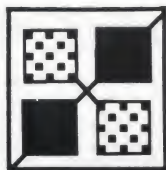
Anyway, 1983 was certainly a good year for rock. Record sales, which had been in a slump since the 70's, were up again, and most record companies made a profit. Heavy metal made a definite impression on the music scene for the first time, and this long-ignored form of rock was pushed to the forefront of the rock scene. One band in particular was catapulted to the top of the rock world, and one artist topped the charts with the biggest album of the year.

Heavy metal! What music! Although not mind-boggling in its complexity, the form does have a certain appeal, especially for "headbangers". 1983 saw the rise of heavy metal from a little-known form of rock to one of the biggest, led by the incredible sales of Def Leppard's third Mercury album, *Pyrromania*. The album was 1983's second biggest seller and called attention to heavy metal as a whole.

Other heavy metal acts that struck gold in '83 included Quiet Riot, with the #1 *Metal Health*, the irrepressible Ozzy Osbourne and *Bark At The Moon*, and the unmasked Kiss with *Lick It Up*.

One band in particular became one of the biggest in the world in 1983. The Police, who released the chart bonanza *Synchronicity* last year, did extremely well, both with the incredible sales of the album and the subsequent tour, highlighted by an appearance in Shea Stadium, only the fourth band ever to play there. No less than six songs on the album got airplay, especially "Every Breath You Take" and "King of Pain". This reggae-influenced group should be having no financial troubles in the near future.

No surprise here: MTV helped out. Many bands got recognition and their start from the all-video station. Men At Work, those crazy Australian hits, made it big in the States this summer because of MTV. Many other bands who wouldn't have had a chance got a start on the popular station, and by 1983, MTV was a recognized part of the American music scene.



Pink Floyd

By Jimmy O'Neill

Works consists of six years of music recorded between 1967, when Pink Floyd emerged from London's "Underground" as Britain's response to San Francisco's "psychedelia," and 1972, when the group released the monumental *Dark Side of the Moon* which remained on the charts until 1983. The album has excerpts from the three major productions of this time span: *A Town Heart Mother*, *Umma Gumma* and *Meddle*. The reflections included are representative and probably unknown to most American fans except for the true "Floydians." They start off with "Arnold Layne," a psychedelic tune about a transvestite, which was banned from broadcast in the U.K., and "See Emily Play," another flower-power song which launched the group into the limelight with their first time smash. Both of these were written by the group's founder, Syd Barrett, a genius whose schizophrenia made it impossible for him to continue with the group after 1968. Barrett became the inspiration for much of Pink Floyd's subsequent work, particularly *Dark Side of the Moon* and *Wish You Were Here*.

The album also contains much work written by bassist/singer Roger Waters and guitarist Dave Gilmour such as "One of These Days" (off of *Meddle*), a hypnotic, tense, electronic song which typifies Pink Floyd's music from 1969-1972. "Works" has some very unusual pieces such as "Several Species of Small Furry," "Animals Gathered," "Together In A Cave and Grooming with a Pig" (off of *Umma Gumma*), a clever continuation of electronic percussions which sound like a rocket jam session. The album includes other classic psychedelic rock in "Fearless," "Brown Damage," "Eclipse," and "Set the Controls for the Heart of the Sun."

All considered, this collection is simply too short. Most of the songs are edited versions of longer compositions, and the inclusion of such notably missing classics as "Careful with that Ax Eugene," "Cirrus Minor," and *A Pillow of Winds* could easily have provided enough material for a two-record set. Works does capture reasonably the archival nature of the group's earliest years and is not a bad sample for the present generation of Pink Floyd concerts whose experience with the group began with *The Wall*. This album is an excellent means by which someone who has enjoyed *The Wall* and *The Final Cut* can see if he wants to invest in Pink Floyd's early works. An old Floyd fan, however, might want to stay away from Works and instead buy *Relics* or *Umma Gumma*.

Class News



Sophomore

By Chris Sanders and Talbot Masten

Everybody likes Blade's wheels. . . . Sophomore Class rocks with Van Halen . . . salutes varsity sophomores Schmit, Blade, Malone, and in wrestling Campbell and Campbell, Saper and Jenkins . . . 23 is Paisley's lucky number . . . Can Nick's Camaro go faster than Chip's Firebird? . . . where's Masten at halftime? . . . Jeff 'the Smurf' Dale, Happy anniversary . . . The Space Twins reunited . . . Mike meets the pigs . . . Hey Griffith, how's the ditch, again K-K-K-Kenny.

snowballs K.C. holds a winter driving exhibition in the Vine Street parking lot . . . Tommy "Roundball" Outlaw, long time patron of the famed Belle Meade Barber Shop, sets new school record: 8 haircuts in 6 weeks . . . Mike Pirrie puts the hurt on Hairy Payne's Mustang . . . Pseudo Blackbelt, Judo Master, Bruce Lee type Bobby Frist leads Green Hornets to victory (who are the Green Hornets?)

Senior

Ah yes! Second semester, Senior year; it almost sends shivers down your spine. But as Joe Torre once told Dale Murphy: "You've gotta slide!" . . . Words of wisdom for you, the reader: Never step into a car with Garth Faulls at the wheel . . . Kevin, why's your collar turned up? Oh, razor burns again . . . Lackey draws sword in warding off sophisticated Antioch hord . . . Hey Marv, what color are her eyebrows? . . . Tirrill and Morrissey exchange identities . . . Ask any mole, Hayes has the quickest pencil in the South . . . Cheyev French to have smirk surgically removed . . . On this day 100 years ago, the MBA class of 1884 officially vowed to "flow it off" and march to Lauderdale . . . Mix and match quotes A: "I hate Boy George, and I'll shoot him!" B: "I can't get used to these Southern Euphemisms." C: "I'm tellin' you, we're on the rocks!" D: "So, what are we doin' ere?" 1. Mr. Heck Yes 2. Good Vibrations 3. J.C. 4. Green Hornet

Junior

With the debut of the 91 Rock Dating Game Kort Classen becomes an instant celebrity. Response to Kort's Dating Game appearance nets him a Valentine Card delivered in assembly . . . February weather prompts Robin "White Boots" Henderson to show off some new winter footwear . . . Class Prez and good-guy extraordinaire Buzz Frahn finds difficulty in pronouncing the word "land" during class meeting . . . For the 3rd consecutive time, Trey "Party Monster" Owen wins the award for "Station Wagon of the Month" . . . Nice car, Hero. Under a shower of

BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS

By Ran Van Riper

Although Hunter S. Thompson's latest book, *The Curse of Lono*, has a few worthwhile insights into our time from a decidedly unorthodox perspective, it falls short of what Thompson has achieved in his earlier books *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* and *Hell's Angels*. Ostensibly the notebook of a journalist covering the Honolulu Marathon, *The Curse of Lono* soon degenerates into a travelogue of Hawaii's seedier side narrated by a chemical-lover obsessed with catching a trophy marlin.

Excerpts from Hawaiian history books and illustrations by Ralph Steadman provide relief from Thompson's prose, which is often strained and overly self-conscious. Thompson seems to feel a need to cater to his self-created nonconformist image that sells books, as a result the book is padded with unnecessary debauched vignettes.

For all of his psychological pretensions, Thompson is nevertheless a good journalist with a feel

for popular culture. Watching a marathon, he points out that the "same people who burned their draft cards in the sixties and got lost in the seventies are now into running." The eighties are a time "when politics failed and personal relationships proved unmanageable." In other sections Thompson comments on resorts, the "me" generation, American sport, and native Hawaiian religion with an offbeat (and occasionally off-key) accuracy similar to Joyce's "badness in the weirdest of possible ways."



Varsity Wrestlers Go 9-3

By Bill Cochran

The 83-84 wrestling season was a rebuilding one for the Big Red grapplers. Since the grapplers did not have a wrestling room in which to practice, the team was forced to practice at the Ensworth gymnasium for several weeks. The team once again had to move and was able to practice at an unused indoor tennis court facility acquired by the resourceful Laird Smith.

Track Preview

By David E. Wood

With much dedication, hard work, and a bit of luck, the 1984 track squad could surprise many teams in local area competition this season. Several MBA "road runners" competed in the recent 1984 Oakland Indoor Track Meet held January 28 at MTSU. Teams from Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, and Kentucky were on hand to run in this early meet of 1984. Respectable performances were recorded by the relay team (2 mile 8:55; 1 mile 3:40) of David Chiekey, Bryan Hassel, John Edwards, and Rob Alley. Gavin Moon turned in strong efforts in the long jump (17'11") and the 440 run (57.3) as David Wood recorded a 4:44 in the mile run.

The coaching staff of the Big Red runners in this season will be Mr. Pruitt (distance), Mr. Owen (sprint), Mr. Drake (jumping), Mr. Compton (middle distance), and Mr. Sacralides (weightlifting). When asked of this year's potential, for success, Coach Pruitt responded, "I feel we have the potential to be the best track team in the past 5 years of competition."

The 1984 Big Red trackers face Hillsboro on March 7th after Indoor Regional competition (at MTSU) on February 23.

Finally settling into normal routine practices, the grapplers practiced earnestly and earned themselves a 9-3 dual match record losing only to perennial powers Overton and Baylor.

As far as tournaments, Coach Williams gears the team to peak in tournament action. Says Williams, "Because of previous performances, MBA is often expected to excel in tournament action pulling off upsets at every weight." This year upsets did occur, but not as many as Coach Williams had hoped. The team gained fourth place in the District Tournament with returning state champ Scott Garfinkel placing first. Walter Smithwick placed second with a hip injury while Paul Soper, Steve Rollins, and Steve Saperstein

placed third. Jim Cambell, Will Cambell, and Chris Smith (fishes) got fourth place.

Although I hate to talk about unlimited potential next year, the issue cannot be avoided. This team only loses one person next year. The fact that five sophomores started and five juniors started speaks for itself. The team will return next year experienced and as strong as ever. "Something has to be said about the youth of the team. They should perform very well next year," comments varsity coach Steve Williams with a sly grin and air of optimism. Another aspect of the team not yet realized by wrestling society, is the awesome talent of Bill Cochran, expected to come to the forefront next year.



Brad Blevins struggles with an opponent in varsity wrestling action.

Freshman Grappler Season A Success

By Walter Smithwick, Tommy Frist and Jeff Gaw

The 1983-84 freshmen wrestlers, though not a powerhouse team as last year, had a successful season despite their setbacks. During the sub-freezing temperatures of December and January, the team settled down to the warm abode and aromatic smells of the wrestling room.

The squad made a good start at

the beginning, finishing 2nd place at a tough McGavock tournament. Team losses to Franklin Jr. High, regional champions Overton, and Chattanooga McCallie were followed by steady improvement. Christmas vacation practices took a toll with the dismissal of wrestlers starting in the 80 lb. division, the 112 lb. division, the 127 lb. division, and the heavyweight class. Chad Enders, after an obscure

microbe season, filled the 80 lb. class, and Tommy Frist dropped from 135 lbs. to fill the 127 spot.

After Christmas training, the team compiled a 7-3 dual meet record, decisively defeating such teams as Ryan, Apollo, McGavock, Whites Creek, Brentwood High, and Cleveland. By tournament time, starters Chad Enders, Will Ward, Hamton Carney, Andy Rosen, Robert Rollins, Tommy Frist, Tradgen Carney, Frank Downey, and Lewis Graber all gained confidence to show their potential strength.

After placing 3rd in the district, the team dug in and, in wrestler terms, "broke loose" from the rest of the teams. Picked 5th in our unusually strong region, the MBA freshmen finished a surprising 2nd. One key match occurred in the 80

lb. division, where a greatly improved Chad Enders pinned his opponent in the finals, avenging a district loss. Another crucial win came from Tradgen Carney who pinned his man in the finals to secure MBA's 2nd place finish. Others who were instrumental in MBA's success by placing in the region were Tommy Frist-2nd, Frank Downey-3rd, Lewis Graber-4th, and Andy Rosen-4th.

Coach Gaither commented on the year: "We rapidly improved from the beginning of the year to become a powerhouse in the region, and I enjoyed working with this hard-working bunch." Most of the wrestlers will wrestle with the varsity next year, but some, namely Chad Enders, Hampton Carney, and Will Ward, will return to benefit the team next season.

Microbe Wrestlers Fourth in HVAC

By Scott Bennett

The 1983 edition of the microbe wrestling team, under the leadership, guidance, and direction of macho Coach Anderson Gathers, was one plagued by regular season disappointments, finishing with a 2-5 record. The Little Red's only victories came over an equally troubled BGA team. However, the

microbes managed to reserve a fourth place spot in the HVAC Tournament with the second place victory of John Szyllo and the fourth place victories of Chad Enders, Hampton, Rabin Nimmo, and Charles McPherson. Fortunately for the '84 team, seven seventh graders are expected to return with more experience.

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JV Basketball Compiles 7-7 Record

By Alan Jackson

Under the able leadership of Coach Bostick, the J.V. has compiled a 7-7 record thus far in the season. After racing to a 6-3 start, the J.V. has since dropped four straight games.

The Big Red opened the season with a 59-33 trouncing of FRA. Dave Malone and Nick Sieveking led the scoring with 11 points apiece. Next, they fell to a huge Ryan squad 68-42. Steve Stroman led a balanced scoring attack with 9 points. The Big Red then ran off successive victories over BGA and Overton by the scores of 42-35 and 35-32, respectively. In the BGA game, Jay Owen poured in 14 points, not bad for an offensive lineman.

Hillsboro then handed the Big

Red an 85-43 thrashing, in which Jay Owen managed to score 10 points to lead the team.

The J.V. captured the FRA Classic title by downing Ryan 56-37 and Brentwood Academy 54-42. Avenging their earlier loss Mike Blade led the way in the Ryan game with nine points.

Blade teamed with Owen for 10 points apiece in MBA's win over football-oriented Brentwood. Big Red then hauled to Brentwood for a rematch which the Eagles captured 58-42. Todd Pardue tossed in 10 points in a losing cause. The Big Red then entertained Pearl-Cohn to the tune of a 44-43 victory. Dave Malone took game-high honors with 13. The J.V. then proceeded to drop four straight games. First, Glenciff handed them a 61-57 loss.

Jay Owen poured in 18 points. Then, the Big Red dropped a 61-50 decision to Ryan. Talbot Masten led the team with 13 points. Next, Overton handed the Big Red its 3rd straight loss. Brad Fison and Talbot Masten's 11 points were not enough to overcome a 62-54 deficit as the final horn sounded. Finally, Hillsboro overpowered the Big Red 70-42. Nick Sieveking had 12 points in a losing effort.

Thus far, the J.V. has boasted a balanced scoring attack and good bench play, as well as an ability to fight back when down. Jay Owen and Talbot Masten lead the team in rebounds. Hopefully, the squad will regroup after suffering four straight losses to finish the season out strong.



Dave Malone eyes the basket in a J.V. basketball contest

Microbe Soccer

By Andy Wattleworth

This year's microbe soccer team did not enjoy a great deal of success on the field. When asked by soccer authority Richard Baughman and me how the season had gone, Coach Lanier's response indicated his disappointment in the season.

However, Coach Lanier did elaborate and after a few moments of consideration stated that the team had been 1-8 with the lone victory coming against rival Ensworth. "A lack of size and experience proved costly this year," he said.

Mr. Lanier does feel that there are some future varsity prospects on the microbe team. Three of the best prospects are leading scorer Chris Hall, Chris Baird, and goalie Willie Johnson. Mason Hogan and Drew Nord made positive contributions to the team with their "smart play."

All in all, despite the team's disappointing record, many of the team's players have potential, and with the experience that each kicker gained and an improvement in physical size, these 'crokes could become a force to be reckoned with in Nashville soccer circles.

Basketball Scoreboard

Compiled by Rob Bueno

Varsity Basketball Statistics (through 1-28) as of Overton Game
Overall Record — 7-8 District Record — 3-7

Points per game — 56 Rebounds per game — 30

MBA FG% — 47%
Opponent FG% — 40%

MBA FT% — 55%
Opponent FT% — 67%

Leading scorers—Drury 13.9 ppg.
Schmitt 11.1 ppg.
Morrissey 9.1 ppg.

Leading FG%—Schmitt 67%

Leading FT%—Drury 68%

Leading rebounders—Schmitt 7.2 rpg.
Drury 6.9 rpg.
French 3.4 rpg.

Games Played

MBA Score	Opponent	Score
43	Sullivan North	46
56	FRA	41
57	Ryan	54
46	BGA	48
39	Overton	58
65	Hillsboro	71
88	Manchester	73
55	Ryan	48
55	Brentwood Academy	43
54	Antioch	45
56	Glenciff	70
73	Hillwood	48
55	Ryan	56
52	Overton	58
52	Hillsboro	62
50	Antioch	43
53	Pearl-Cohn	47
59	Glenciff	58

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Mr. Drake's Career as Cross-Country Coach

by Tray Owen
and Walter Smithwick

For the past ten years, Coach Drake has led the MBA cross country team to an astounding record of 80-20-1. Under his leadership, the team has won four NIL championships, placed 2nd twice; placed 3rd once and has not placed worse than 5th in the NIL. They have won 3 regional championships, placed 2nd once and 3rd once; they have gone to the state championships for the last 4 years. However, last year Mr. Drake announced that he would not continue to be the head coach in order to better fulfill his administrative duties.

Coach Pruitt, who has been co-coach for the past 6 years, says of Drake's decision, "There will be no effect on the handling of the team."

Coach Pruitt says that Mr. Drake still is and will be actively involved in the planning of workouts and in directing meets. Coach Pruitt also feels that this will benefit the team, since Mr. Drake will now be able to attend important administrative meetings without jeopardizing his commitment to the team. Coach

Drake feels that his role is to aid Coach Pruitt with paperwork and preparing team workouts.

Assistant Headmaster Drake says that he truly enjoys the sport of cross country, and he enjoys participating in it on the coaching level. He would also like to see more competition in the midstate area. He feels that MBA's domination has been because of its view of the team aspect of cross country. When the teams of the NIL put more emphasis on the team than the individual, they will become more competitive. He feels that the sport of cross country would be bettered by the lack of dominating schools. Other teams are defeated before they begin when they have to compete against the better-known schools.

This season was the first in a while in which Mr. Drake has not been head coach. The team was still well-coached by a skilled Coach Pruitt. Mr. Drake pointed out that Mr. Pruitt did "an amazing job this year." Under Pruitt, the team compiled an undefeated regular season record, won the

Western Division championship, and performed well in district, regional, and state competition. Coach Pruitt feels that the transition of coaching jobs has been smooth because he and Mr. Drake had always conferred about team management for the six years the former has been at MBA. Coach Pruitt also feels confident in the team's future success because of the great number of people who are participating.

Belle Meade Buffet

"A Southern Restaurant"
at Belle Meade Plaza



Interview: Coach Elliott

By David Smith

What were your goals for the season?

I wanted us to have a .600 winning percentage and go to the Regional Tournament. I also wanted to develop the younger players and get some leadership from the seniors.

What kind of preparation did the team have before the season?

We were in the summer league at BGA, and many of the players went to basketball camps at David Lipscomb and Vanderbilt.

How do you account for the incredible improvement in Jay Schmitt?

He went to Five-Star camp in Pittsburgh, but he just worked his tail off during the summer. It was due to a lot of his own hard work.

What do you feel the team must do to turn around the basketball program?

Consistency. We're good in some areas some of the time and poor in others. We've got to put them together. The players have to improve on their own during the summer.

Who have been the team leaders throughout the season?

Matt Drury, especially the last 2 weeks, has taken the ball and put it in the hoop. If you ask the players I think they would all tell you Matt.

What do you think about the crowd support?

"Awesome. For a team under 500, the noise level of the crowd is incredible."

How badly did the semester grades hurt the team?

We lost Michael Pirrie and 3 Juniors Varsity players. Losing Mike really hurt us because it cut the personnel down. We had a huge strong rebounding team. We were a 4-dimensional team; now we're only a 3 or 2-dimensional team.

What were your thoughts on beating Ryan twice including the championship game in their Invitational Tournament?

We were pleased because that was our first goal of the year—to become better each game until we were good enough to win the Christmas Tournament.

Is it tough playing in a district with two of the top five teams in the state in Pearl-Cohn and Overton?

Yes, it is a great district, but that's the only way to improve (playing good teams).

What are the main strengths of the team?

We're shooting real well at 48% from the field and also holding the opponent to 39% from the field because we have a packed zone which keeps us out of foul trouble and makes them shoot from outside.

In what areas would you like to see them improve?

Ball control and rebounding. Also I would like to have no floor mistakes. We need to increase our number of shots and decrease theirs. In the past, the opponents got 10 more shots than us in all but 4 games.

A lot of the losses were close games. Do you think you can turn a few points around to win these games in the district?

I believe we'll be facing Hillsboro in the tournament and it's hard to beat a decent team 3 times in one season... I honestly believe we can beat any team in the district.

What's your outlook for the rest of the season?

I believe we can be 12-10 which means we'll need to win 5 of our last 6 games. If we would have shot 66% from the field we would have been 12-4.



Sophomore Jay Schmitt towers at the foul line.

Varsity B-Ball Report

By Bryan Hassel

Paced by the scoring and rebounding of tall-men Matt Drury and Jay Schmitt, the varsity basketball team has compiled a 10-8 overall record this year. After suffering early-season losses, MBA moved into the Father Ryan Christmas Tournament, won that, and has posted an 8-4 record since then.

In Ryan's annual tourney, the Big Red crushed Manchester in the opener. Schmitt and Drury scored 20 and 19 respectively with Morrissey adding 13. The next night, MBA defeated Ryan 55-48, led by Schmitt with 15 and Drury with 14. Schmitt was named All-Tournament; Drury received the MVP award.

MBA then travelled to Brentwood, winning 55-43. The entire squad played, led by Drury and Morrissey with 15 and 14. Against Antioch, the Big Red struggled, but won 54-45. The next game was a "tremendous let-down" against Pearl, according to Coach Elliott. MBA almost eked out an upset, but lost 44-43. The whole team played well, except for poor free-throw shooting.

The following Friday, MBA travelled to Glenciff, turning in what Coach Elliott called the team's "worst showing all year." Although Drury had 17 and French had 15,

MBA lost 70-56 despite trailing by only 4 with 44 seconds to go. The Big Red roundballers bounced back in the next game, crushing Hillwood 73-48.

After losing Mike Pirrie to academic ineligibility, MBA hungrily awaited Ryan's trip to MBA. In the game, Ryan never led until the 4 second mark, when they hit the last shot to win 56-55. Drury led scorers with 23; free-throw shooting was again a problem.

Against Overton, MBA drew together as a unit and gave the Bobcats a good fight. Drury scored 21 against the #1 team in the district, and MBA tied and went ahead of Overton momentarily. The final score was 58-52, but the coaches, players, and fans were pleased with the Big Red's performance.

After a defeat at the hands of Hillsboro and the loss of Kevin Wolfe to injury and John Morrissey to sickness, MBA rolled to win three straight. At Antioch, the Big Red won the brawl game 50-43 with Jay Schmitt's 23 points. Then MBA travelled to Pearl and pulled their biggest upset of the year, 53-47. Great defense and awesome rebounding by Jay Schmitt, Matt Drury, and Jack Brown were key.

Finally, the Big Red took on Glenciff at home and avenged an early-season loss, 59-58.

Microbe B-Ball Posts 5-2 Mark

By Jeff Dale and Hudson Walker

This year's fine, fine microbe basketball team, under the direction of the multi-talented John Saclarides, has posted a 5-2 record thus far, best since last year. Says long-time, avid 'crobe fan Rajiv Sharma: "This year's cagers can

jam with the best of them." Supporter George Mabry agrees: "From what I have seen, this microbe team has great champion potential; they couldn't have done it without the patience, love, and fatherly kindness exerted by Coach Sae all season."

Starting with a crushing 20-point defeat of a vastly outmanned FRA team, the microbes have played well all season. In that game, Marc Smith led all players with an NCAA-style 26 points and 8 rebounds, thoroughly demoralizing the pathetic rebels. Next, the Little Red took on Brentwood, losing by a tight, close, 11-point margin. Smith again led in scoring, with excellent performances turned in by Emmett Russell and Mike Morrissey. The microbes rose to 2-1 with their total annihilation of a quality Ensworth team. Russell paced the scorers with 18 points, FRA once again was destroyed by 20+ points, with Smith leading all scorers and Jay McKnight turning in a fine all-around performance at forward. Next on MBA's agen-

da was Northside, a perennial all-sports power. Before the game though, all the Little Red were up. Said Alex Rice, 2nd string center: "I hope Marc (Smith) gets hurt!" Marc didn't, and the 'crobes went on to win 42-22, bewildering the cultured Williamson County team. Smith had 15 points, McKnight 10, and John Teas 9. Said veteran manager David Frederiksen: "It'll never be the same." The next game was another tough loss to Brentwood. But Mike Morrissey had a good game, now leading the team in steals with 18. Only halfway through the season, Marc Smith has pumped a mind-boggling 90+ points through the hoop to lead the team in scoring, with his high-scoring last game against BGA, a hard-fought 4 point victory. With 5 wins under their belts, the Little Red are hoping for at least a 6th place finish in the always tough HVAC, and Spickard still thinks that MBA has the most comfortable benches around. Chants an excited Dr. Gaffney: "Osta Sight! Dynomite! Yo mama!"

Freshman Roundballers 3-4

By Brennon Martin and Jeff Gaw

"We are capable of beating anyone," said Coach Bennett. These words were evidenced as the freshmen opened their season by defeating Ryan at MBA 53-49. The scoring was led by Peter "The Doctor" Paris with 30 and Paul Lentz running a close second with 9. The frosh then travelled to H.H. where they were beaten, mangled, etc. by Franklin Jr. High 73-61. Charles

"Barkley" Mayes and Paris led the attack with 20 and 15 points respectively. At McGavock, the frosh again sadly met defeat, losing 56-50. Paris had 24 and Mayes, coming through with 10 free throws in the 4th period, had 14. Johnny Thompson came off the bench because of an injured Chris Burch and scored 6. Thompson has since emerged as a starter and enforcer under the basket. As manager Chip Blaufuss says, "he's

just an all-around athlete." Scott's check arrived in the mail yesterday.

To continue the story, the roundballers then took out their frustrations on Hillsboro at MBA crushing them 65-51. Mayes and Paris again led with 28 and 24 respectively. The frosh suffered yet another defeat at Maplewood, losing 68-56, proving Coach Morel's statement, "We have excellent competition." Paris led with 0. The teams however shot less than 50% at the charity line. At Whites Creek, the frosh were victorious thanks to a last-second shot by Mayes to win 65-64. Paris again led with 30. The awesome roundballers then played host to Glenciff and once again met defeat on the short end of a 70-56 score. This was their poorest game thus far. Paris had 21 points but Jay Stroman kept the team alive with 20. Another disappointing performance at the line, sinking only 12 of 23 attempts, plagued the frosh.

The 3-4 season of the freshmen thus far is not indicative of the Coach's feelings about his team. As Coach Bennett said, "I have truly enjoyed my association with them." With highly touted football coach Bobby Morel whipping the team into better shape each day as Coach Bennett's loyal assistant, the remainder of the season looks bright.



Coach Elliott on the team's prospects for the rest of the season: "I honestly believe we can beat any team in the district."

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